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as it was presented to the committee merely to provide this vehicle. I would ask your support in suspending the rules so that we might have this as a vehicle.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas. The motion is to suspend the rules and place LB627 on General File.

SENATOR SYAS: Just one thing. I've received some letters on this proposed constitutional amendment. All you have to do, you can do it for a resolution. There's plenty of time. Just throw in a resolution, well here Wednesday what other thing we've got. A resolution, you don't need a bill. Just a resolution. You put an Attorney General's....I mean a constitutional amendment on the ballot with a resolution. Well, you can do it....I can set the hearing with...with the one I have next Wednesday.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR SYAS: If you introduced it and I get 30 votes to suspend the rules because I wouldn't have the 7 days but whoever's here tomorrow, the vice chairman could do that. And by resolution then he could hear it the same day as the other ones being heard next Wednesday on the Legislature every other year by resolution. I'm just suggesting, is all.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: I think there's nothing wrong with just putting this bill on and not wasting a lot of time talking about it. I think we know what we want to do. We either want to put something on the ballot or we don't. This gives us the vehicle to do it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Well just a minute. I know we want to do and I might even go along with it. But the other day I think....I think a lot of members didn't want to take up the sessions every other year without a public hearing. I didn't object to not having a public hearing. But some of them didn't want to do it that way. They insisted on a public hearing. Now I imagine you're going to run into this same thing with this. Somebody, I won't be here tomorrow to object but somebody is going to want a public hearing. When they want a public hearing, one man in here can do it. He can take it off of General File, right? One person. He's going to want a public hearing and what are you going to do? You're going to have to have a public hearing. I'm merely trying to save you some steps. We tried that yesterday and I think you were one of them that wanted a public hearing. You objected to the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas, are you through? Okay. Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Certainly I objected to what you were trying to do but I don't think anyone objected to putting this on the ballot to give an opportunity one way or the other.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I'll tell you what. Right now, I'll object without a public hearing. I don't want to object to going on the ballot. Just to show you how wrong you were yesterday.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Carpenter. Stand by, Senator Stahmer.